

North Haven Clean Energy Task Force Minutes- November 19, 2012

Present: Kenny Foscue, Sarah Baird, Caroline Dumont, Hugh Davis, Letty McPhedran

The meeting was opened at 7pm and the minutes from last month were approved.

ElectionDay sign-ups:

Project Green got 10 sign-ups at Ridge Road School, there was 1 at Green Acres and 1 at the Rec Center for a total of 12 sign-ups.

Strengthening our numbers:

We have missed Nick Gill and considered him a real asset to this Task Force. Hugh has e-mailed him several times with no response. Kenny will call him to encourage him to participate again.

Meeting with the First Selectman

Since the meeting, the time has been changed for this meeting. It is now Wed. Dec. 19 at 10:15. We will meet earlier, on the first floor. Sherri Borrelli will attend, and Ed Swinkoski. At least 4 of us will be there. Mike Doucette of UI will come also to present the new CEFIA guidelines.

Our agenda:

1. Congratulate the Selectman and Ed Swindosky on the new energy efficient measures they have initiated. How much will the town save? What is the progress on the Green Skies Solar Array?
2. We want to urge the town to use the money saved on energy upgrades for other energy improvements such as sharing an energy manager with 2 other towns, training employees, or an audit on a town building. That will be how North Haven makes progress. Kenny will research which other nearby towns have an energy manager, how much they are paid and what savings have been realized.
3. Discuss CEFIA guidelines which include reducing energy 20% by 2018, including the cars and trucks. For instance, the Fire and Police Departments could benchmark the use of and then monitor their vehicles. It was agreed the town will have to commit personnel to accomplish this and other CEFIA goals. The Selectmen must sign a two page pledge form to commit to the stated goals. This will help us on our way to applying for a Bright Ideas Grant. The point can be made that all the goals are ways the town can save money. Kenny will research which towns have energy managers and what they have saved, so we can bring these facts to the meeting. We need to find out if Mr. Freda talked to Hamden about sharing an energy manager. Sarah will be printing out and bringing to the meeting the pledge form.
3. We would like Mr. Freda to review Chris Fogg's North Haven Energy Management Plan. Sarah will send it to him with her own presentation, discussed later in these minutes.

5. Letty would like to bring up the firehouses again, and let them know that roof tiles are now available as actual solar panels. Or she could speak to the town engineer directly.

6. We need someone from the town to work with us. We do not have enough support.

7. We need the Selectman's help in recruiting new members. He could use the Freda's Focus column to declare the three selectmen have each signed up for clean energy, illustrate the importance of our mission and request new recruits for the Task Force.

Campaign Planning Workshop:

Caroline reported on the workshop with Justin Haaheim and Madeline Priest. She has sent us each a report to refer to. We do not know why the turnout was poor, but we agreed workshops should be on Saturdays, not after a workday. Each workshop should include a brief update on CEFIA, where we are and where we are going. Town representatives need to be present. Caroline will find out how Justin felt about the meeting and about the hour chosen. There was one handout on campaign planning that might be useful to us in the future.

Creating a Mailing List:

Hugh will send the list he received online to Sarah who knows how to make it a useful list for us. Letty will look online for her much shorter list from several years ago which may actually duplicate part of Hugh's list.

3 Degrees wants to help:

Hugh spoke with Mark Garrett who is now at 3Degrees. He offered help in any way. Our suggestions are that he set up a tent at the baseball opening day, or a soccer jamboree. Or we could ask them to set up a Saturday program for us. Or they could come to Earth Day and help get North Haven sign-ups.

Sarah's Presentation:

Sarah had worked out an attractive four page summary of the NHCETF and the Clean Energy Communities Program. It included an example of a Working Logical Framework Matrix and the mission and goals of our group. It shows that CEFIA has moved to include increased energy efficiency as a goal. It was agreed that Sarah would send it on to the First Selectman with Chris Fogg's North Haven Energy Management Plan, in preparation for our joint December meeting.

DCS Energy:

Roseann Imlej sent an email to Letty that indicated Roseann had missed a meeting with Mr. Freda and that he was annoyed. Letty will send Roseann's email to TF members to interpret. We need to decide what our role is in this situation.

Change at the NH Register and the Post -Chronicle

Ann Dematteo, North Haven reporter has been replaced by Mike Bellmore, mbellmore@nhregister.com

The next meeting is Monday Dec. 10 at 7 pm at the Rec Center.

Submitted by Letty McPhedran